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Bills of health were issued as follows: Week ended May 14. Steamships *Taisang* and *Yingchow* for Manila. These vessels carried an aggregate of 120 in crews and 71 cabin and 192 steerage passengers. All steerage passengers were bathed and their clothing was disinfected with steam. All on board were examined immediately prior to sailing. One steerage passenger was rejected. Manifests were viséed for 936 and 1,461 packages of freight, respectively. The vessels anchored in mid stream.

Week ended May 21. Steamships *Taisang* and *Sunkiang* for Manila with an aggregate of 114 in crews and 58 cabin and 192 steerage passengers. All steerage passengers were bathed and their clothing was disinfected. All on board were inspected immediately prior to sailing. Manifests viséed for 648 and 512 packages of freight. One steerage passenger was rejected. The vessels anchored in mid stream.

Week ended May 28. No bills of health issued. Leprosy and plague are present. From 8 to 12 deaths from plague have occurred daily during the week.

SHANGHAI—Inspection of Vessels—Smallpox.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, May 26:

Week ended May 21.

Vessels granted bills of health.....	1
Total members of crews.....	163
Total cabin passengers.....	40
Total steerage passengers.....	167
Steerage passengers bathed and effects disinfected.....	4
Pieces of baggage disinfected.....	11
Pieces of freight disinfected.....	80
Packages of freight viséed.....	1, 147

The steamship *Nippon Maru* from Hongkong for San Francisco via Shanghai and Japanese ports was in this port 30 hours in the stream at Woosung. Loading was done by daylight only and liberty ashore allowed officers only. The steerage passengers from Shanghai were bathed and inspection was held on the tender for the vessel at the hour of sailing.

The weekly report of the municipal health officer shows 2 deaths from smallpox among natives. Reports from Hankau for the week ended May 14 show 1 case of typhus fever and from Tientsin, for the week ended May 7, 1 case of typhus fever.

SWATOW—Cholera and Plague.

Consul Chamberlain reports, May 19:

Within the past 10 days cholera has appeared in virulent form in the city of Swatow. It is estimated that over 150 deaths have occurred since May 10.

Plague appeared about two weeks ago in the Chao Yang district and as many as 3,000 deaths have been reported, occurring chiefly at Ho Peng. Other places infected are Feng-chow-so, Tsai-tang-shi, Chelin, and Tai-pu-shien. There is very little plague in the city of Swatow, but people from the infected villages are coming into the city.